

The Commonwealth

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A SPLENDID PAPER.

Last Sunday's issue of the News and Observer was a splendid paper. It was an educational edition and contained thirty-two pages, and the most of them were devoted to the educational interests of North Carolina. It is a valuable paper to all who wish to learn about educational matters in the State, and should be preserved in every home and office into which it has gone in North Carolina.

NEED OF A CLEAN TOWN.

It has been frequent comment in the papers that one of the serious propositions in New Orleans when yellow fever broke out there a few weeks ago, was the uncleanly and almost filthy condition of the city.

Along with other efforts put forth to check and stop the scourge of fever, was the inauguration of a movement to cleanse the city. The entire citizenship of the city devoted a day to one united effort in cleaning streets, alleys, lots and the like, and doubtless the cleaning up of the city will be a great aid in the checking of the fever.

While yellow fever does not threaten our towns and cities generally, cleanliness is highly important, and the authorities in every town ought to see to it that such matters are looked after with great care.

AN AMUSING CHARACTER.

Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh, in his correspondence to the State press just after the great celebration at Lillington two weeks ago, wrote as follows about a citizen of Harnett county:

"Raleigh people who want to Lillington to the number of 350 to participate in the celebration there are very much pleased with the whole affair. They saw one very amusing character in the auditorium, this being a man, somewhere about 60 years of age, who appeared to have come out of a swamp. He never took off his utterly shapeless hat, which was of white wool, his clothing being of blue jeans and his hair hanging like a mat over most of his face and well down on his back. It is found that he made a vow eight years ago that he would never cut his hair until William Jennings Bryan was elected President. Some of the ways said they expected it to grow to his feet, if he lived long enough. He presented a curious picture as he stood in the midst of the crowd of well-dressed country people, unwashed, as unkept as any scare-crow, hands in pockets, bisulphide face topped by the strange hat. He was quite a curiosity to most of his own people."

CHURCH FOLKS AND WHISKEY.

Cor. to The Commonwealth.

ESSEX, N. C., Aug. 11, 1905.
It appears that the head of the church men are head of the liquor traffic in opening a liquor shop here at this place, called a dispensary. I met one of the deacons of Harris Chapel white Baptist church with his zinc tub and funnel going down to have this poison mixture bottled. He appears to be the most active chief in this game. A revival is going on at his church this week but he has been tightly engaged in going to Halifax and attending to open this whiskey shop. Where is the light of such Christians, or haven't they any light at all?

N. L. KEEN.

FARMERS' MEETING.

Mr. W. C. Whitaker, president of the Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association, urges that the farmers of the county attend the meeting at Halifax, Monday, August 21.

Matters of importance will come before the meeting and every township in the county should be represented by delegates. Let the township organizations make arrangements this week to send delegates to Halifax next Monday.

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HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Dr. A. S. Harrison, county superintendent of public instruction for Halifax county, contributed to last Sunday's educational edition of the News and Observer the following interesting article concerning the schools of Halifax county:

"In reviewing the educational conditions of Halifax county it is necessary to take into consideration the fact that it is a large county, almost entirely rural.

"We have six towns, namely, Weldon, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Littleton, Halifax and the new manufacturing town of Roanoke Rapids. By reference to the census you will note that they are all comparatively small towns, and all combined would not number as many people as you have in Raleigh.

Another thing that is worthy of note is, that we have only 3,816 white children, while we have 7,479 colored children to educate, or about two negroes to one white child. The negroes do not pay one dollar to the white man's fifteen, for the purpose of education. So you see we have a right heavy burden to carry as we march along in this progressive educational age. And yet we have averaged more than a five months term in the county during the last fiscal year and this without one dollar from the second \$100,000 set aside by the legislature to aid needy districts. In fact Halifax county has not received one single dollar of this money at any time since the legislature made such a provision. Not because we have no needy districts, we have many districts that have needed aid, but the conditions to be complied with and the red tape necessary to secure any of this money put it out of our reach, for the districts that needed it most even too small, having less than 65 children to claim it. And right here I want to say that in my opinion the legislature ought to do away with that apportionment or else give each county its pro rata share on some equitable basis for I do not think it has served its purpose for which it was intended. I think our very efficient and much beloved State Superintendent and his assistants have done all in their power to distribute this fund where it was most needed but I am sure they have had a hard problem to solve. We have twelve rural libraries in the county and I have the money subscribed for two more and I believe that this is the best money spent in the county, because it helps to educate the old people as well as the children, and we must get the parents aroused and interested if we expect to get a regular attendance of the children.

"We have two well established graded schools in the county, one at Enfield and one at Scotland Neck, and an election has been held and carried almost unanimously for one at Weldon and it will be in operation for the fall session. The two schools above mentioned are doing fine work and the attendance is splendid, showing that when people are really interested the children get the benefit.

"We have a supplemented school at Littleton that I hope at no distant time to change to an up-to-date graded school and I certainly hope the progressive people at Roanoke Rapids will rally to the support of a good graded school there in the very near future, for it is certainly needed, and they must keep up with the procession. We have some good rural schools in the county, among the most progressive of these is the school at Aurelian Springs, where the teachers have done excellent work, and where the attendance has been good and where I hope to establish a local tax or graded school at no distant time, provided the people will not allow themselves to be broken up with local discussions. We also have good prospects at Hobgood and at Heathsville, also at Brinkleyville and Ringwood, but the people in these places are not as much interested as they ought to be. Halifax (town), too, needs awakening in the cause of education. However, we are not discouraged, neither are we astoop, our people move slowly, but they do not take a step backward, our schools are better than they were and our teachers are better prepared to teach. Our Board of Education is progressive, and in the great battle against ignorance, now in progress, old Halifax county will give a good account of herself."

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W. W. POPE,
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D. E. Iles vs J. W. Perkins
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J. E. PATTERSON, Sheriff.
S. G. DANIEL, Atty., Littleton, N. C. 7-20-05

Administrators' Notice.

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Stuart Hardy, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me, or to my attorneys, Kitchin, Smith & Kitchin, within one week from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This the 20th day of July, 1905.
MIKE HARDY, Administrator. 7-20-05

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of William T. Vaughan, deceased, late of Halifax county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of July, 1906, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
MRS. M. E. VAUGHAN,
LEON T. VAUGHAN
This the 25th day of July, 1905. 7-27-05.